Depot Town Rag

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BOOMER DAYS – JULY 19, 20 21

"Bums and tramps and hoboes,
We're all coming down
To a Boomer Celebration
In Ypsi's Depot Town."

That's the chorus from "Boomer Days" which premiered on the stage at the 1983 Boomer Days Talent Show. Twelve of the districts toddlers comprised the chorus – and one of those wasn't singing – he was crying. Probably because he was the only barefoot performer and the black rubber stage covering had been sitting in the ninety-degree sun for several hours. He wasn't any more off key than any of the others and they received a lot of applause – and a gratuitous fourth prize.

This year's celebration of Depression times in America's railroad towns promises to be just as corny, home-towny and fun. Anyone not "dressing down" for the event would probably be happier at some trendy art fair wearing izod shirts, imported sandals and faceted designer sun glasses.

Not to be confused with the annual Heritage Festival (when Ypsilanti puts on its fanciest facades), Boomer Days seems to "just fit" Depot Town's style of mid-summer madness and news-less "dog days". It's fun and frivolous, frightfully informal – truly one of the silliest retail promotions in the world of business which encourages creativity in all it's participants.

It all starts the weekend before – with folks giving up bathing, shaving, and such niceties as going to work on time. By Friday, the "organized schedule of events" begins.

See Schedule on Back Page

'TAX REFORM' LAUNCHED

Advocates vow battle to save rehab incentives

Vowing to take its case to Congress, the National Trust (for Historic Preservation) expressed disappointment with the Reagan administration's proposed repeal of federal tax incentives for rehabilitation of historic buildings.

"This is the most effective federal urban program of the last 20 years," said Trust President J. Jackson Walter. "It is efficient and is a key element of national preservation policy that should not be discarded."

Enacted in 1981, the incentives provide a 25 percent tax credit for rehab of commercial or residential rental historic buildings. In less than four years, the credit has been responsible for $5 billion invested in 6,800 buildings across the nation.

Noting that historic rehab tax incentives have enjoyed bipartisan congress-

continued overleaf

THAT'S US: 48198!

NEW ZIP FOLLOWS OLD TRADITION

When the U. S. Post Office declared that all of Ypsilanti should be divided into two Zip Codes beginning July 1, 1985, they arbitrarily chose to use this community's oldest physical division. Everything east and north of the Huron River would adopt the new number: 48198. All west and south of the River would keep the old 48197. The feds may not have known it, but they used the oldest demarkation line since humans began to exploit the area's natural resources.

PANAMA: An 1839 map of Michigan shows downtown Panama's center at Depot Town with its northern environs stretching across what is now Superior Township as far as Dixboro and its eastern edge at Nankin Mills.

EAST YPSILANTI: Students of the City's colorful past still relish the 1850's rivalry of east and west when those uppity eastsiders seceded from the City for a year and became East Ypsi. They came back into the fold a year later when the two were made one in the State's second municipal incorporation. Monroe was the first.

WILLOW RUN: The influx of Bomber Plant workers in World War II settled the eastern sector and were not assimilated by Ypsi-proper. Even their school district was named after that Huron River tributary, although no one has ever been able to find downtown Willow Run.

WARD FIVE: With the activist movement of the 1960's came the division of the City into five wards. Many of our staid politicos were afraid that student voting might move the city off dead center and chopped the campus section into two different wards. The east side, with its factory workers' homes and industrial tax base, was left alone and , although all the City's current wards are approximately the same in population, Ward Five still remains the largest land space East of Eden.

Some say the East/West differences are characterized by one side reaching out to the academic image of Ann Arbor and rural Washtenaw County while the other side has its worker-image and roots in Detroit factories and Wayne County. Still, the annual Heritage Festival finds all of them gathering at the Cross Street Bridge to celebrate the uniqueness of that juncutre: East and West Ypsilanti – a marriage of contrasts. 48197 and 48198 distinctly together.

306 NORTH RIVER STREET has become one of the most interesting addresses in Depot Town since the opening of two new businesses in recent months:

- The south end of The Millworks complex has been purchased by Michael Huizenga and David Wheeler who have opened their own electrical contracting business known as UTILITIES INSTRUMENTATION. The ancient two-story building in the back is now undergoing extensive renovation and includes some of the most elegant utilitarian door and window designs in the historic district. Their presentation to the Historic District Commission was impressive and their execution of the project is even more so. Add a back-of-the-building tour to your next stroll around Depot Town.

- Walter Elliott's STRIP EASE promises to be "A (new and) Better Way to Take It Off" and is a welcome addition to a block with so much used and antique furniture available for our clientele. The Strip-ease process is a completely new method for removing finishes from wood, metal, plastic or glass. It has been developed and perfected over a number of years by a professional antique refinisher who was dissatisfied with the results of stripping processes on today's market. Strip-ease is not like conventional dip processes which may damage wooden furniture. It employs a unique jet spray action which quickly removes finish from cracks, spindles, carvings, and hard-to-get places to restore wood to its original warm look.

- Richard Rice's studio, METAL-WORKS, continues at the same location. Although it is neither a gallery nor a shop, Richard is always happy to have interested patrons of the arts stop by and visit – or just look in his window and check up on his recent works.

DALTON JOINS ANTIQUE ROW

After two years of operating monthly antique auctions from the Freight House, popular show-biz auctioneer Doug Dalton has joined the daily proprietors of southeastern Michigan's most popular "antique row" in Ypsilanti's historic Depot Town. Watch for the antique showroom and weekly auctions at 33 East Cross Street – the former Eagles' aerie. Doug plans some major interior re-modeling, and a new stairway to the basement. The newly installed front door and awning only await his new signage.

In this Nineteenth Century commercial district you will now find:

- DEPOT EXCHANGE ANTIQUES
- JAMES MACDONALD'S & APPLE ANNIE'S
- VINTAGE PASSION
- NORTH RIVER ANTIQUES
- NOW AND THEN ANTIQUES

and now –

- DOUG DALTON'S ANTIQUES AND AUCTIONS

Can MATERIALS UNLIMITED be THAT far away? Actually, the stately Victorian homes up and down Huron and River Streets make a most appropriate "block" for visiting antiquers to connect with downtown's antique dealer/cousins. You've made a wisemove, Doug. Welcome to the neighborhood.

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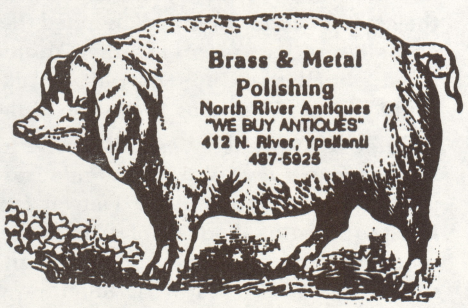
Facade Improvement Program

On the face of it, it would seem that Depot Town has more beards per capita than most neighborhoods, but we still only average one per head. Facial hair among males is still a popular acoutrement and, whether it be 60's country sideburns, full beards or Tom Selleck-like moustaches, Depot Town boys look much like the railroaders of one hundred years ago. Among the women, the Joan Collins hooker-look has not caught on. As far as hair-dos go, the bouffant-bubblehead look has passed – and the punk skinhead style never did catch on. Most of this block's New Victorians look much like Grant Wood's "American Gothic."



NEW TIES FOR FATHER'S DAY

(A One-act play with sound effects)

Ding, ding ding.

"IS THE TRAIN COMING? I THINK THAT SIGNAL HAS BEEN GOING FOR A WHILE. IS IT STUCK OR SOMETHING? WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Ding, ding, ding, toot, ding, ding, toot, toot.

"ACTUALLY, IT'S HARD TO TELL. THE **CONRAIL** CREW HAS BEEN REPLACING TIES ON THE MAIN LINE AND THE SENSORS HAVE BEEN RINGING OFF AND ON FOR A WEEK. MOSTLY ON."

Ding, ding, ding, Toot, Toot, Toot.

"WELL, NOW WHAT DO WE DO? WE'VE BEEN PARKED HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF EAST CROSS STREET FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES. SHOULD WE DRIVE AROUND THE GATE – LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE?"

Ding, TOOT, ing, Toot, Toot, Toot!!!
Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, TOOT, TOOT, TOOT!!!

"WHO KNOWS? WAIT! I THINK THE TRAIN IS REALLY COMING. WHY DOESN'T THE WORK CREW HELP TO GUIDE THE TRAFFIC? THIS COULD BE DANGEROUS."

Ding, ding, TOOOOT! TOOOO-OOT! **ROAR, CLACKETY CLACK, SMASH** bash, honk roar, ding, TOOOOOOT! TOOT! TOOT! ROAR RUMBLE

Rumble, ding, ding, ding.....

"WOW! AND THAT WAS JUST A FOUR-CAR **AMTRAK** ON ITS WAY TO CHICAGO!

Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding.

"THE SIGNAL'S STILL RINGING AND THE GATE'S STILL DOWN, NOW WHAT?"

Ding, ding, ding, ding, toot, ding, ding, ding, ding.

"WHY DON'T WE JUST LEAVE THE CAR HERE AND GO INTO THE **SIDE-TRACK?** MAYBE WE CAN HEAR THE SIGNAL FROM OUR TABLE."

and everything nice

Clothing
Gifts

Toys
Books

THE KIDS' SHOP IN DEPOT TOWN
27 East Cross
483-6925

SIGNS OF THE TIMES –

BILLBOARDS ARE BACK!

Outdoor advertising was a typical amenity in neighborhoods such as ours and the flat, wall-mounted advertising often served as an entrance to the commercial districts of the Nineteenth Century. Fading walls in Depot Town still show traces of such hoopla of popular products like:

BUFFET AND LUNCH - still peek out from Aubree's east-facing mortar greeting ghosts disembarking from steam trains at the MCRR Depot.

FINCK'S OVERALLS (they wear like a pig's nose!) - was the one hundred-year-old logo found under the plaster when the Old Town Restaurant expanded into their new space and is now matched with a nostalgic reproduction verifying its authenticity.

COCA COLA - on the side of City Body must, indeed. be the old formula.

BULL DURHAM's tobacco ad on the west wall of the Follett House belies Ypsilanti's ancient prudishness with the fence post guarding the bull's masculine attributes. Other towns got the whole treatment.

MAIL POUCH appears in several locations on the block. The third one was uncovered while tuck-pointing the rear wall of Depot Exchange.

With this month's rehabbing of that rear facade, architect Dick Macias' brick-red walls and black awnings are complemented by a renaissance of outdoor advertising – a 12' x 16' wall poster in the old tradition. While some of our neighbors are contemplating rehabbed or new signage, watch how this white-on-black design evolves in reverse. It's a craft not seen here for more than one hundred years. Welcome back to the old neighborhood.

COPS ON THE BEAT IN DEPOT TOWN

Chief Robert Huff's new policy of putting patrol officers on the street has added much to the ambience of every district of the City. Depot Towners love to wave, chat and smile with the cop on the beat, and we're sure that is the response from citizens all over Ypsilanti. Police Lieutenant L. J. McKeown says it may not make much difference in "big crime" like murders, but robberies, purse snatchings and fights are not as evident when a cop is out of the patrol car and on the street. People in this neighborhood have known all along that the more people you have on the street, the better time they all seem to be having with each other. It's nice to have the boys and girls in blue along with us. Welcome back. Now we look forward to the implementation of the "mini-station" concept. How about a permanent office in the Freight House which would serve this whole quarter of the City?

DEPOT TOWN IS RADIO ACTIVE

Cool dudes in Ypsi like to cruise the neighborhood on a warm summer's evening with their car radio volume turned to the max and sidewalkers find it most confusing when every passing car is tuned to a different station. Therefore, beginning July 4th, 1985, all autos with loud radios must be adjusted to FM frequency 89.1 – WEMU – or drive with their windows closed. Failure to do so could result in getting squirted by locals who are tending their roadside flower beds.

WHAT WAS BEAUTIFUL IS NOW UGLY

What was a thing of beauty has now disappeared right before our very eyes. For non-Depot Towners and even for you Depot Towners who have no idea of what this article is about, it's about Frog Island – once a natural, beautiful place with its trees and grass all over the place. Now it's a thing of ugliness with concrete and pavement. Here are a few suggestions for what we can do with it now: instead of holding the Grand Prix in Detroit, we ought to have it on the top of the Island's dike with the amphitheatre as a grandstand and announcer's booth and the concrete bleachers to sit on. Or maybe we can have mini bike races or go-cart races or even bicycle races, or even maybe we can have the World Olympics here. I must say for myself that I am disappointed that the City has taken a natural thing of beauty and turned it into something looking like a shopping center parking lot.

constant reader,
Randy Carpenter

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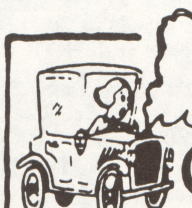
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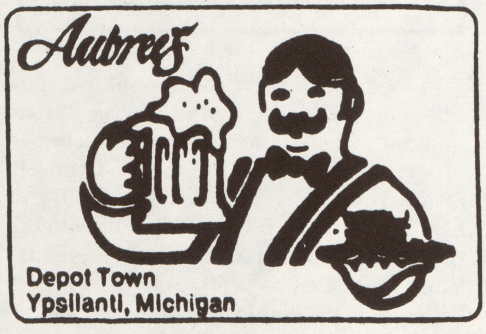

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Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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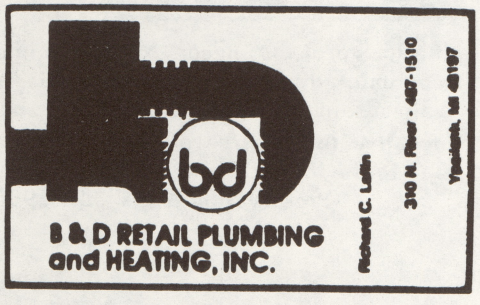
Gary McKeever, president
(DTA: The caboose, 400 Market Place, Ypsilanti, MI 48197)
Annual dues:
Associate member $10
Regular member $25
Sustaining member $100

NEW MASTHEAD

Observant readers will notice our new half-toned masthead (the same drawing which is used on the billboards appearing around Washtenaw County this year.) The people at Standard Printing reworked the piece in grey so that "The Depot Town Rag" might stand out a bit more obviously. It also marks the beginning of the tenth year of The Rag's publication. We didn't add the "e" (for Depot Town RagE) or the "b" (for Depot Town Brag) to fit our various moods of editorializing, however.



MAD RIVER REFUND

Those nice people who put our spring train trips together each year down in Bellevue, Ohio have reconsidered our investment in this May's trip and refunded a large portion of what we had feared was a great loss. Now we're only $431 in the hole on that venture. Why, that's close to the profit we saw the year before. At any rate, it's a lot better than the previously announced $1300 loss! Now maybe we'll be brave enough to try it again next year?

PLAYERS MEET JUNE 20TH

The Ypsilanti Players (since 1915) decided at their recent annual meeting that, sadly, because of dwindling active membership, it was not possible to work as a play-producing community theater group at least for this coming year. Happily, however, the remaining few loyal members have decided to continue as a theater appreciation society. The group will be meeting monthly at the Farmers' Market Coffee Shop on Saturday mornings for play-reading and theater gossip. The first planned get-together will be on July 20th at 10 A.M. in honor of Boomer Days. Ssome members plan to bring instruments and jam at this meeting if the spirit moves. Should the coffee shop be too noisy for the play-readers, there will be an exodus to Frog Island's beautiful new amphitheater. Call 434-6527 for more information.

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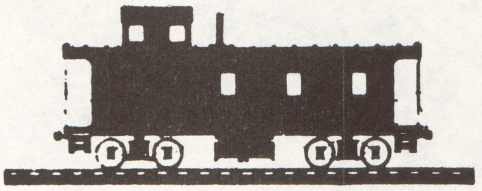

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Minutes of May meeting were approved. Letters received: (1) Hot dog complaint and (2) Mad River Durand trip refund of $771.00.

TREASURER reported total of $6149.30
General Fund = $2621.61
Special Events = $795.21
Rag =$587.48
Jazz = $2145.00

JAZZ PROMOTION: Frog Island Festival is set for June 22. Electricity is finally on and volunteers are ready. 3000 are expected. Special thanks to Paul Fetters of River Art Works for two hard days of setting up.

RAG REPORT: A letter to advertisers was approved and will accompany bills. RAG ads continue to sell for only $9.00 a month. Shall the RAG continue to plug non-advertisers? Yes. Policy: use most newsworthy items, type loyal advertisers, encourage all in district to do their share toward neighborhood promotion, re-evaluate at September election meeting.

EARLY ENGINE SHOW for Heritage Fest will see a float in parade, need wood for fuel.

NEA grant for Foundation was rejected. HERITAGE FEST work bee 9 A.M., Sunday, June 29 behind Historical Museum.

BOOMER DAYS JULY 19, 20, 21. Bonni Rosen-Fine detailed. See article. Encourage all to participate physically.

D.T.A. QUARTERLY MEETING: Sunday, 29 June 4-6 P.M. Aubree's Second Floor. Coffee and donuts.

DOMINO PIZZA walk for mankind offers a 20% cut for organizational sign-ups. Decide at July meeting.

HOLIDAY ARTISTS' MARKET: Judy Andrews proposed our sponsoring with her chairing. Tie in with Victorian Holiday. Show dates and finances for support at July meeting.

BEST YET AWARD: To the Farmers' Market and Huron Advertising for the beautifully painted sign at the intersection.

GOLDEN GOOSE AWARD: To the blight mongers who keep open garbage, old furniture, abandoned autos and auto parts behind their buildings.

ADJOURNED: 9:40 P.M.

FESTIVAL PLANS

- The above version of the Festival Logo will not be seen again, since it is Carolyn McKeever's art work which has since been edited to ignore its possessivness. (Remember the problems we had with "Ypsilanti's Farmers' Market" a few years ago?)

- Biggest news this August is the return of the world famous Wallenda High Wire Act. Tino and family helped the Festival get it's start in its first three years.

- Another change for this year will be the addition of the Early Engine Expo sponsored by D.T.A. and placed along with the Franzen Brothers' Circus on Frog Island.

- You are welcome to join the Festival Planning Committee every Thursday at 3:30 P.M. in the meeting room of the Chamber of Commerce at 11 North Adams Street.

"TAX REFORM" CONTINUED

ional support, Walter said, "We have preserved history and fine craftsmanship while creating new investment, jobs and local and state tax revenues in declining urban areas. I do not believe Congress will desert these benefits. Nonetheless, we face a tough battle."

In addition to members of Congress, several key administration officials support the tax incentive program. They include current interior Sec. Donald Hodel and his predecessor, William Clark. The program is administered by the interior Dept. through the National Park Service.

Investment experts and preservation consultants agree that if tax incentives end, so will the much-heralded renaissance of older cities and Main Street towns. Various surveys of investors with experience in rehab show that anywhere from two-thirds to three-quarters of them would not have undertaken rehab of a historic building without the incentives.

"The tax incentives have contributed to a broad-based prerservation ethic." Walter said. "For the first time, people will look at a run-down older structure and say 'That would look great fixed up,' instead of 'That's a blight – tear it down."

"But the fact remains that rehabilitation projects need to have some economic advantage to be profitable." Walter said."A tax code without an incentive to preserve our heritage will lead to the loss of the heritage."

–Preservation News, July 1985

OHIO PLAGUE STRIKES DEPOT TOWN

Many steamboaters who sat in the grass waiting for the Shawnee Princess have been scratching and itching since their Maumee River trip. Not a new strain of Herpes or AIDS, those welts are easily recognized as that old summer camp syndrome which is easily treated with clear nail polish. You've got chiggers!

MONTHLY DE-(pot Town)?

Detroit – that big city immediateldy to our East – boasts a "sticker" which tries to convince that metropolis' inhabitants that it's almost as much fun to live there as it is in California. Perhaps THE RAG could adopt a "slicker" style and make the same kind of pretentious allusions for folks who inhabit our block:

- SYLVIA PROSCIUTTO catches the rays at her own "tar beach" just two flights up from her kicky Depot Town digs. "Oooh, is my face red! In fact, I'm red all over," says Sylvia, "and I don't have to shave my underarms any more. I just roll over fast on the roof and the hot tar does the rest."

- JOHN LENNON MALCOLM X SCHWARTZ is this block's trendiest teenager - with his grandpa's railroad kerchiefs tied just below his left knee. "If that fad doesn't change before hay fever season arrives," say mom Moonbeam, "he'll break his neck trying to catch a sneeze."

- Pick-up trucks are back "IN" and all the cruisers are installing aluminum running boards. Put the patio furniture in the back and go to the drive-in movies. "Sometimes we take a styrofoam cooler." chuckles Pete Plotz from behind the wheel of his Ranger 2000. Oooh, how creative!

- Three generations of trend-setters descended upon "the block" one night last month as the "Ypsi Gypsies": Mom and Pop sat in the window of the Old Town while daughter and son-in-law sipped and supped at the S-track. Grand kids entertained around Aubree's pool table. They all reconvened at Miller's for a cone and then watched the street lights come on before piling into their van and returning to their township patio. This place is a hot bed.

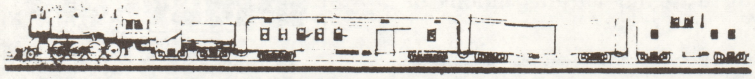
- Most of the neighborhood waitpersons are setting themselves up for a summer season of fantasy: they're trading last year's paperbacks for another spate of back yard reading. Wow! No one can say that Depot Towners aren't keeping up with things.

- And haircuts. Local barbers report that flat-tops are still "in" and ears are "out". Out in the open, that is.

- Newest trend: "I love to inhale the fumes from the passing Conrail freights," says the lovely and talented Portia Pockmark. "It reminds me of the yacht harbor at Cannes..." That girl. She's seen so many old movies on Television!

- A few quick traditions for next month: plastic garden hose head bands, bean curd chip dip, moon boots (again), anything in puce, mud flaps, adhesive tape, T-shirts from Belleville's Strawberry Festival and "personals" in the Ypsi Guide.

- Just remember: you saw it in The Rag's MONTHLY DE(pot Town) first!



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RAGTIME

"Just bumming around" – Down in Depot Town

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In which Ypsilanti's Historic Depot Town celebrates the Hey-day of Bums, Tramps and Hoboes of an earlier era.

FRIDAY, JULY 19 7 P.M.

CORONATION – Nominate your candidates for Hobo King & Queen at Miller's Ice Cream Parlor and vote with spare change in cannisters throughout the block. Rex and Sally Richie will collect cannisters and tabulate winners early Friday evening. Professor Malarkey will officiate at the Coronation Ceremonies at the Farm Wagon. A Grand Parade in the back of an old pick-up truck will follow the ceremony.

FASH/BASH 8:00 P.M.

Prizes in several costume categories will be awarded at the wiggly tree. Get your free entry form from Vintage Passion or And Everything Nice. All this hoopla is followed by the BUM'S NIGHT OUT, a neighborhood sidewalk parade led by anyone who wishes. Return to the tree for a COMMUNITY SING and HOT DOG ROAST to fete the new King & Queen.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

BUM'S RUSH 10 - Noon

Games and prizes for kids on Frog Island sponsored by the Boys' and Girls' Club. KIDSART kids of all ages meet Professor Malarkey under the wiggly tree to get colored chalk and make beautiful drawings of trains and tramps on the sidewalks around the neighborhood. BOOMER BOUTIQUE & HOBO JUNGLE a two-day garage sale/flea market at the Old Caboose. Collections for small stuff: July 6 & 13.

CARP FOR KIDS 8:30 - 1 P.M.

An all-day fishing event. Register at Aubree's. Kids and seniors free. T-shirts available. Trophy. Sponsored by Aubree's, Boys' and Girls' Club, Youth Companions. If it rains we'll do it again on Sunday.

ALCOHOL EDUCATION PROGRAM 4 - 6 P.M.

Everybody know how bums, tramps and hoboes can't handle their liquor, so the Police Departments will test the sobriety of volunteers from THE YPSILANTI PRESS, THE ANN ARBOR NEWS, THE EASTERN ECHO and WEMU in a two-hour demonstration in the Farmers' Market Coffee Shop. See if our community's writers really need their nose in a glass of scotch. Displays by Washtenaw Council on Alcoholism, SOS Crisis Center and local churches.

MULLIGAN STEW-OFF 6 P.M.

The "hobbins and gumps" of our block's greatest cooks will be contested and judged by over one thousand pounds of local experts: Jeff Lorenzen, Jeff White and Rick Talbot. Judging of creative recipes at the Farm Wagon. One dollar entry fee at North River Antiques.

HOBO DISCO 8P.M. - Midnight

A block party by any other name, there will be all kinds of fun family dancing at the Freight House.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

BOOMER BOUTIQUE & HOBO JUNGLE 11 A.M - 5 P.M.

THE DIRTY SCROUNGY SCAVENGER HUNT 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Is an all-day event for kids which starts at the Old Caboose. Coveted prizes for obnoxious items.

PEACEABLE COMMUNITY GAMES 1 - 3 P.M.

Led by Stan Harbison and friends. Meet at the Old Caboose and thence to Frog Island.

FANCY/SCHMANCY WINE & CHEESE LECTURE 2 - 4 P.M.

By reservation at Aubree's with a nominal admission.

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The Ypsilanti Food Co-op presents "Cooking Encounters" Saturday July 13, from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M. at the Co-op. This month features recipes, samples and information for INDIAN COOKING. The Ypsilanti Food Co-op is located at 312 North River Street in Depot Town. More information can be obtained by calling the co-op at 483-1520.

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JULY IS ICE CREAM MONTH

Ice cream is believed to have originated about 2000 years ago when the slaves of Roman Emperor Nero rushed snow from the mountains and served it, sweetened with honey and flavored with fruits, at his court. History later records that Marco Polo returned to Europe after his visit to the Orient with recipes for making milk and cream ices.

In France, royalty again is responsible for introducing this delightful food discovery. Catherine de Medici, according to some historians, in 1550 returned from a tour to Italy enthusiastic about it. Succeeding French monarchs retained ice cream as the favorite royal dessert.

King Charles I is credited with the initiation of ice cream making in England during the 17th Century. He and his French cook, De Mirco, were the only persons privileged to enjoy this delicious food. The greedy king paid De Mirco hush money to keep the process secret. But de Mirco was the gossipy type and soon others in England were enjoying the king's frozen delicacy.

After the summer of 1776, when the British army established a permanent garrison in New York, food purveyors anxious to supply the British officers with the delicacies to which they were accustomed in England, began to serve ice cream. It is well known that Dolly Madison popularized the dessert by serving it in the White House.

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